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5/25/01**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**
(Case No. 00,450)**PATENT****In re Application of: Polverino et al.****Serial No.: 09/599,087****Filed: June 21, 2000****For: Secreted Epithelial Colon
Stromal-1 Molecules and Uses****Before the Examiner: S. Rawlings****Group Art Unit: 1642**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
MAILED APRIL 11, 2001

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, mailed April 11, 2001, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-8, 10, 11, and 46-48, designated as Group 2 by the Examiner, with traverse. The basis for Applicants' traversal of the requirement is as follows.

Applicants respectfully submit that there will be no undue hardship on the Office in performing a search with respect to the claims of both Groups 1 and 2. The claims of group 1 are directed are towards an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a murine Secs-1 polypeptide, a vector comprising said nucleic acid molecule, a host cell comprising said vector, a process of producing said polypeptide and a composition comprising said nucleic acid. The claims of Group 2 are directed towards an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a human Secs-1 polypeptide, a vector comprising said nucleic acid molecule, a host cell comprising said vector, a process of producing said polypeptide and a composition comprising said nucleic acid. The claims of both groups 1 and 2 have been classified in class 536, subclass 23.5; class 435, subclass 320.1; and class 435, subclass 325.

Applicants enclose a petition for a one-month extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. If Examiner Rawlings

believes it to be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,
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